

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil with a handle and a tool for handling food products, wherein the handle has a substantially V-shaped or U-shaped cross section ~~which is substantially V-shaped or U-shaped~~ perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the utensil.

2. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil according to claim 1, wherein the tool is at least one tool selected from the group consisting of a tong, a spatula, a fork, a hook, and a brush.

3. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil according to claim 1, wherein the tool is at least one tool selected from the group consisting of a tong, a spatula, a fork, and a hook, ~~wherein the handle and the tool is made of the same material.~~

4. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil according to claim 3 12, wherein the kitchen utensil is one single piece of plate-like material.

5. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil according to claim 3 12, wherein the material is a polymer or stainless steel material.

6. (currently amended) Kitchen utensil according to claim 1, wherein at least part of ~~the~~ a surface of said utensil is covered by a coating.

7. (original) Kitchen utensil according to claim 6, wherein said coating has a rubber-like appearance.

8. (original) Kitchen utensil according to claim 6, wherein said coating is heat resistant.

9. (currently amended) A kitchen utensil kit comprising at least two kitchen utensils according to claim 1 arranged with ~~their~~ respective handles of the two kitchen utensils in stacking conditions ~~so as~~ to form a compact unity of ~~the~~ a kitchen utensil set.

10. (original) Use of a kitchen utensil according to claim 1 for barbecue.

11. (new) The kitchen utensil of claim 1, wherein the utensil is a barbecue tool.

12. (new) The kitchen utensil of claim 1, wherein the handle and the tool are made of same material.